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COUNTRY East Germany

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TOPIC Military Information from Magdeburg

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REMARKS

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1. On 1 January 1954, the Hindenburg Kaserne, Magdeburg, was occupied by about 1,350 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. On 23 December, 11 JS-2 tanks, 6 guns, presumably 57-mm AT guns, and 30 trucks were observed in the barracks area. On 22 December, 2 JS-2 tanks engaged in driving practice on Grosser Anger and 60 men received instruction with 4 guns, presumably 57-mm AT guns. About 100 troops drilled in the installation.

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2. On 1 January, the Seeckt Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets. On 21 and 23 December, about 120 troops engaged in the construction of an emergency bridge, about 30 to 40 meters long, on the Alte Elbe. On 21 December, about 80 troops practiced firing with light machine guns in this area. On 23 December, about 20 pontoons, 18 trucks and about 50 troops at fatigue duty were seen in the barracks area.

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3. On 1 January, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by about 2,000 troops, including some with artillery insignia. About 30 guns, including 15 x 37-mm AA guns, were seen in the installation. On 29 December, 4 trucks, each towing a 37-mm AA gun and occupied by about 50 troops, left the installation toward the training area for aiming practice and service of the place drill.

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4. At 8:15 p.m. on 18 December, 18 trucks, including 8 large radio trucks, 1 half-track vehicle towing a heavy trailer and 1 truck towing a long trailer were seen on the northern road bridge, Wilhelm-Pieck Bruecke, proceeding westward.

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Kaserne (5285).

[REDACTED] reported tanks in the Hindenburg Kaserne (5285). There is, however, reason to believe that [REDACTED] the installation with the Nachrichten Kaserne (5286), in which the 63d Gds Mecz Regt of the 19th Gds Mecz Div is quartered.

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